

**WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**October 10, 2021**  
**Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**

**WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP**

Prelude

Welcome

\* God's Greeting

\* We Greet One Another

\* Call to Worship: (Psalm 9: 1-2, 7-10)

*I will give thanks to the Lord with all of my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.*

**I will be glad and rejoice in you; I will sing the praises of your name, O most high.**

*The Lord reigns forever; he has established his throne for judgment*

**He rules the world in righteousness and judges the peoples with equity.**

*The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.*

**Those who know your name trust in you, for you, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek you.**

\* Opening Song: "Your Name"

*Lift Up Your Hearts #375*

As morning dawns and evening fades

You inspire songs of praise

That rise from earth to touch Your heart

And glorify Your Name

Your Name is a strong and mighty tower

Your Name is a shelter like no other

Your Name let the nations sing it louder

'Cause nothing has the power to save

But Your Name

Jesus in Your Name we pray

Come and fill our hearts today

Lord give us strength to live for You

And glorify Your Name

Your Name is a strong and mighty tower

Your Name is a shelter like no other

Your Name let the nations sing it louder

'Cause nothing has the power to save

But Your Name

\* Opening Prayer

**WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD**

Moment of Silent Reflection and Confession

God's Will For Our Lives ( Philippians 2: 1-4)

**Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ,**

**If any comfort from his love,**

**If any common sharing in the Spirit,**

**If any tenderness and compassion,**

**Then make my joy complete**

**By being like-minded,**

**Having the same love,**

**Being one in spirit and of one mind,**

**Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit.**

**Rather in humility, value others above yourselves,**

**Not looking to your own interests**

**But each of you to the interests of others.**

God’s Assurance:

*Take comfort in the assurance that even those things that are hidden from memory, or are too deep for our words are not beyond God’s forgiving love. God who knows up completely gives us forgiveness and peace.*

**Thanks be to God!**

Song of Response: “Take O Take Me As I Am”

*Lift Up Your Hearts #741*

Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;  
set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

Congregational Prayer

**WE HEAR GOD’S WORD**

Children’s Message

Scripture Reading: Daniel 4:18-33

<sup>18</sup> “This is the dream that I, King Nebuchadnezzar, had. Now, Belteshazzar, tell me what it means, for none of the wise men in my kingdom can interpret it for me. But you can, because the spirit of the holy gods is in you.”  
<sup>19</sup> Then Daniel (also called Belteshazzar) was greatly perplexed for a time, and his thoughts terrified him. So the king said, “Belteshazzar, do not let the dream or its meaning alarm you.”

Belteshazzar answered, “My lord, if only the dream applied to your enemies and its meaning to your adversaries! <sup>20</sup> The tree you saw, which grew large and strong, with its top touching the sky, visible to the whole earth, <sup>21</sup> with beautiful leaves and abundant fruit, providing food for all, giving shelter to the wild animals, and having nesting places in its branches for the birds— <sup>22</sup> Your Majesty, you are that tree! You have become great and strong; your greatness has grown until it reaches the sky, and your dominion extends to distant parts of the earth. <sup>23</sup> “Your Majesty saw a holy one, a messenger, coming down from heaven and saying, ‘Cut down the tree and destroy it, but leave the stump, bound with iron and bronze, in the grass of the field, while its roots remain in the ground. Let him be drenched with the dew of heaven; let him live with the wild animals, until seven times pass by for him.’ <sup>24</sup> “This is the interpretation, Your Majesty, and this is the decree the Most High has issued against my lord the king: <sup>25</sup> You will be driven away from people and will live with the wild animals; you will eat grass like the ox and be drenched with the dew of heaven. Seven times will pass by for you until you acknowledge that the Most High is sovereign over all kingdoms on earth and gives them to anyone he wishes. <sup>26</sup>

The command to leave the stump of the tree with its roots means that your kingdom will be restored to you when you acknowledge that Heaven rules. <sup>27</sup> Therefore, Your Majesty, be pleased to accept my advice: Renounce your sins by doing what is right, and your wickedness by being kind to the oppressed. It may be that then your prosperity will continue.” <sup>28</sup> All this happened to King Nebuchadnezzar. <sup>29</sup> Twelve months later, as the king was walking on the roof of the royal palace of Babylon, <sup>30</sup> he said, “Is not this the great Babylon I have built as the royal residence, by my mighty power and for the glory of my majesty?” <sup>31</sup> Even as the words were on his lips, a voice came from heaven, “This is what is decreed for you, King Nebuchadnezzar: Your royal authority has been taken from you. <sup>32</sup> You will be driven away from people and will live with the wild animals; you will eat grass like the ox. Seven times will pass by for you until you acknowledge that the Most High is sovereign over all kingdoms on earth and gives them to anyone he wishes.”

<sup>33</sup> Immediately what had been said about Nebuchadnezzar was fulfilled. He was driven away from people and ate grass like the ox. His body was drenched with the dew of heaven until his hair grew like the feathers of an eagle and his nails like the claws of a bird.

Message: Who’s the King of the Jungle?

**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

Prayer of Application

\* Song of Response: “I Surrender All”

*Lift Up Your Hearts #739*

All to Jesus I surrender  
All to Him I freely give  
I will ever love and trust Him  
In His presence daily live  
I surrender all  
I surrender all

All to Thee my blessed Savior  
I surrender all  
All to Jesus I surrender  
Make me Savior wholly Thine  
Let me feel thy Holy Spirit  
Truly know that Thou art mine  
I surrender all  
I surrender all  
All to Thee my blessed Savior  
I surrender all  
All to Jesus I surrender  
Lord I give myself to Thee  
Fill me with Thy love and power  
Let Thy blessing fall on me  
I surrender all  
I surrender all  
All to Thee my blessed Savior  
I surrender all

**WE DEPART TO SERVE**

\*Blessing

\*Closing Song: "Go Now In Peace"

*Lift Up Your Hearts #950*

Go now in peace, go now in peace;  
may the love of God surround you everywhere,  
everywhere you may go.  
Go now in peace, go now in peace;  
may the love of God surround you everywhere,  
everywhere you may go.

\*Postlude

\*Please stand if you are able.

Children's Message: Deb Niehof

Message: Rev. Jerry Worrel

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